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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF PRISONER/DETAINEE RELEASES

REF: NICOSIA 3666

1. PRISONER/DETAINEE EXCHANGES BASICALLY COMPLETED ON OCTOBER 28. ACCORDING UNFICYP, TOTAL OF 2,488 GREEK CYPRIOTS, 3,319 TURK CYPRIOTS RELEASED. OF THESE, 530 GREEKS CHOSE RETURN TO HOMES IN OCCUPATION ZONE; ONLY 84 TURKS CHOSE NOT REPEAT NOT MOVE NORTH.

2. MAIN PUBLIC ATTENTION NOW TURNING TO FATE OF MISSING GREEK CYPRIOTS, REPORTEDLY MORE THAN 3,000. CLERIDES HAS PLEDGED EVERY EFFORT TRACE THEM. PRESS REPORTS ICRC WILL SOON COMMENCE MAJOR SWEEP OF TURK OCCUPATION ZONE, MAINLAND TURK PRISONS AND GARRISONS IN EFFORT LOCATE THESE PEOPLE.

3. CLERIDES SO FAR HAS RETAINED BROAD SUPPORT FOR HIS HANDLING  
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OF RELEASES. ONLY LYSSARIDES' TA NEA CONTINUES UNRELIEVED

SNIPING AT HIM, ALLEGEDLY FOR ABETTING POPULATION SHIFTS. LATEST CASE CONCERNED CLERIDES' CONSENT TO UNFICYP TRANSPORT OF TURK CYPRIOTS, AND THEIR CHATTELS, FROM TOKHNI VILLAGE (SCENE OF MASSACRE THIS SUMMER) TO NORTH. (PIO QUICKLY ISSUED REBUTTAL OF TA NEA ARTICLE, STRESSING UNSPECIFIED "SPECIAL REASONS" IN TOKHNI CASE.)

4. COMMENT: COMPLETION OF PRISONER/DETAINEE EXCHANGES CONTINUES MARKED TREND TOWARD SEGREGATION OF POPULATIONS. NEXT STEP LIKELY TO BE PRESSURE FOR "REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES". CONSERVATIVE ESTIAMTES SUGGEST THIS STEP WHEN IMPLEMENTED WOULD ENABLE MORE THAN 13,000 TURK CYPRIOTS, AS AGAINST ONLY ABOUT 2,100 GREEK CYPRIOTS, MOVE NORTH. FOR THIS REASON, CLERIDES WILL PROBABLY GO SLOW ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION IN EFFORT OBTAIN FURTHER CONCESSIONS FOR GREEK REFUGEES.

5. PROBLEM OF LARGE NUMBER MISSING PERSONS HAS EXPLOSIVE POTENTIAL. GREEK SIDE ALREADY FUMING ABOUT ALLEGED FORCED LABOR CAMPS, MASS GRAVES, ANATOLIAN DUNGEONS. CONCEIVABLY, SOME OF MISSING WERE KILLED IN COUP. UNIFCYP AND ICRC DOUBT THAT MORE THAN FEW HUNDRED COULD BE HIDING IN OCCUPATION. END COMMENT. CRAWFORD

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